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SUBJECT: CSCE: MANDATE FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE

HELSINKI FOR USDEL MPT

SUMMARY: AT MARCH 29 MEETING, SPC DISCUSSED FRENCH, US AND UK PROPOSALS FOR MANDATE FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR STAGE TWO OF CSCE AND FRENCH INTENTIONS TO TABLE SUCH A MANDATE IN HELSINKI MPT. SPC AGREED US COMMENTS ON FRENCH TEXT WOULD BE FORWARDED TO HELSINKI FOR INFORMATION OF NATO DELS. US, UK, AND FRENCH REPS AGREED TO CONSULT FURTHER ON FOLLOW- ON ASPECTS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE' S MANDATE. END SUMMARY.

1. SPC REPS PROBED FRENCH REP AT SOME LENGTH REGARDING FRENCH INTENTIONS TO TABLE A NEW MANDATE FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE AS HAD BEEN FORESHADOWED BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN HELSINKI. FRENCH REP WAS OBVIOUSLY UNINFORMED AS TO INTENTIONS OF FRENCH DEL IN HELSINKI BUT EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT ANY MANDATE TABLED BY THE FRENCH DEL WOULD CLOSELY PARALLEL THE TEXT PRESENTED BY FRENCH IN MPT ON MARCH 13.

2. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO QUESTION OF WHETHER US AND
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FRENCH MANDATES COULD BE COMBINED. US REP SUGGESTED THAT LEAVING ASIDE FOLLOW- ON QUESTION, FRENCH TEXT COULD

BE BROUGHT INTO ALIGNMENT WITH US MANDATE BY INCLUDING REFERENCE IN FRENCH TEXT TO OPEN- ENDED MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE AND TO THE TASK OF PREPARING A " COMPREHENSIVE FINAL REPORT". IN ADDITION, US REP SUGGESTED THAT MANDATE MIGHT SAY THAT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WOULD BE DECIDED BY EACH DELEGATION, AS FRENCH PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED. FRENCH REP AGREED WITH THE IDEA OF INCLUDING REFERENCE TO MEMBERSHIP AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION IN FRENCH TEXT AND SUGGESTED THAT DELEGATIONS REPORT US SUGGESTIONS TO CAPITALS AND HELSINKI AS MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS OF FACILITATING WORK IN HELSINKI. FRENCH AND SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT US MANDATE' S REFERENCE TO " PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE FINAL REPORT" ON GROUNDS THIS WOULD MAKE COORDINATING COMMITTEE A " SUPER COMMITTEE" OR A " COURT OF APPEAL", THUS EXPANDING CONSIDERABLY THE ROLE OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. US REP AGREED ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS TO DROP THIS SUGGESTION.

3. DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW- ON ASPECTS OF MANDATE FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE ENSUED WITH SPC IN CONSENSUS THAT FOLLOW- ON ROLE OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED PRIOR TO APRIL RECESS IN MPT. US REP INTRODUCED NEW LANGUAGE FOR UK TEXT (STATE 57786) AND SUGGESTED SAME SENTENCE MIGHT ALSO BE APPENDED TO FRENCH TEXT AS POSSIBLE INITIAL NEGOTIATING POSITION WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR THIS. UK REP SAID HE COULD AGREE TO USE UK MANDATE AS FALL- BACK POSITION IF NECESSARY AFTER US MANDATE, RE FOLLOW- ON HAD BEEN TRIED OUT. UK REP ON PERSONAL BASIS ALSO ACCEPTED NEW US LANGUAGE AMENDING UK MANDATE. FRENCH REP FOUND NEW US SENTENCE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE BUT PREFERRED TO SAY " TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE" VICE " WHICH MAY BE APPROVED BY THE CONFERENCE". UK REP THOUGHT THAT LONDON WOULD PROBABLY PREFER WORDS " APPROVED BY THE CONFERENCE" BUT MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT FRENCH LANGUAGE. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED, AND COMMITTEE AGREED, THAT US, UK AND FRENCH REPS WOULD JOINTLY WORK OUT LANGUAGE FOR FOLLOW- ON ASPECT OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE' S MANDATE WITH A VIEW TO HAVING TEXT AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS IN SPC AND COUNCIL DURING APRIL RECESS.

3. IN SUMMING UP, CHAIRMAN REFERRED TO COMMENTS BY SEVERAL DELS THAT ALLIES COULD USE STEERING BRIEF POSITION IN ANY DISCUSSION
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OF BASKET FOUR IN HELSINKI PRIOR TO RECESS PERIOD. SECOND, PRIOR TO THE APRIL RECESS, ANY AMENDMENT TO THE FRENCH TEXT ALREADY INTRODUCED IN MPT SHOULD COVER ONLY THE COORDINATING ASPECTS OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE' S WORK. THIRD, THE SECTION OF THE MANDATE DESIGNED FOR EVENTUAL USE ON FOLLOW- UP QUESTION SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR CONTINGENCY USE BY THE US, UK AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, LOOKING TOWARDS SPC DISCUSSIONS NO LATER THAN APRIL 10. US SUGGESTIONS FOR BRINGING FRENCH MANDATE INTO LINE WITH US MANDATE WOULD BE

REPORTED TO CAPITALS AND HELSINKI AND WOULD NOT AGAIN
BE DISCUSSED IN SPC.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, FRENCH REP PRESSED FOR COMMENTS
ON FRENCH SUGGESTION REGARDING REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE FUTURE CONFER-
ENCES AS MEANS OF HEADING OFF CSCE DISCUSSION OF PERMANENT MACHINERY.
US REP DREW ON STATE 57786 TO UNDERSCORE THAT ANY EARLY INDICATION
THAT ALLIES ALREADY THINKING IN TERMS OF SERIES OF CONFERENCES
COULD WEAKEN ALLIED POSITION IN PRESSING FOR CONCRETE
MEASURES AND ON QUESTION OF PERMANENT MACHINERY. FURTHER, US
REP STATED THAT US DOUBTED THAT FRENCH IDEA WOULD SUCCEED IN
REDUCING SOVIET PRESSURE FOR CSCE DISCUSSION OF PERMANENT
MACHINERY, ALTHOUGH ONE COULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF
FUTURE CONFERENCE BEING DISCUSSED IN COORDINATING
COMMITTEE'S WORK ON FOLLOW- ON QUESTION. DUTCH AND UK DELS
SUPPORTED US VIEWS AND NO DELEGATION SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF FRENCH
THESIS.
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